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At a Regimental Court Martial held at Fort Stanwix July 31. 1776

Present Capt. Potter President
Lieut. Furnivall
Lieut. Lloyd
Lieut. Bellard
Ensign Reading

James Lesley of the Artillery Company Charged with Abusive Language and abusing the Serjeant of the Guard, was brought before the Court

Ensign Clark being sworn sayeth that he being Officer of the Quarter Guard, was giving the Serjeant of the Guard orders to give the Sentry, the Prisoner Standing by & directing his discourse to the Serjeant swore it was a dam'd Imposition, and Giving him other Abusive Language which the Evidence heard as he was leaving the Place—

Serjeant Wm. French being sworn sayeth that as he was Relieving a Sentry & giving him directions the Prisoner being by heard what was said and swore it was a dam'd Imposition And that they ought to have been Acquainted with it first, that he replied he was able to speak for himself, and ordered him to go in the House or he would put him under guard who— Answered he might, and be damned, Whereupon the Court Adjudged him Guilty and Sentenced him to be brought before the Batation this Evening there to be severely Reprimanded from thence sent to the Guard house, tomorrow Morning took out and put in the Well to work eight Hours and so on ~~for three~~ from day to day for three days and to live on Bread & Water the Whole time and to be kept in the Guard House every Night

Saml. Potter Prest

The ~~Lt Col Approves of the~~ first Part of the Sentence on James Lesley Passed by the Court of being Reprimanded before Battalion for the Crime he is found guilty of; is approved of; the other Punishment he is excused from in hopes of his better behaviour for the future ——

Anth. W. White Lt. Col

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